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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2004, please consider the following.

Regarding Claims 24 and 26, the Examiner is correct. Claims 25 and 26 should be cancelled not Claims 24 and 25 as stated on page 2 of the Preliminary Amendment. The listing of pending Claims 1-13, 16-24 and 27-39 is correct. Applicants apologize for any confusion that was caused by our misstatement.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

1. Embodiment of Figures 1-2;
2. Embodiment of Figures 3-5;
3. Embodiment of Figure 6;
4. Embodiment of Figures 7-8;
5. Embodiment of Figure 9;
6. Embodiment of Figure 10;
7. Embodiment of Figures 12-13;
8. Embodiment of Figure 14;
9. Embodiment of Figure 15;
10. Embodiment of Figure 16;
11. Embodiment of Figure 17;
12. Embodiment of Figures 18-20;
13. Embodiment of Figure 25;
14. Embodiment of Figure 26;
15. Embodiment of Figure 27;
16. Embodiment of Figure 28;
17. Embodiment of Figure 29;
18. Embodiment of Figure 30.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Species 15 principally illustrated in embodiment of Figure 27. Applicant believes that Claims 29-32 and 35 read on the elected species. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in

future divisional and/or continuation applications.

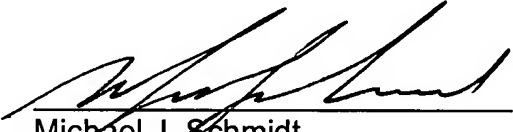


CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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